

Service of Process **Transmittal** 

01/21/2014

CT Log Number 524253696

TO:

Michael Johnson, Legal Assistant

The Hartford

One Hartford Plaza, HO-1-09

Hartford, CT 06155

RE:

**Process Served in Tennessee** 

FOR:

Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd. (Domestic State: CT)

CP0011124909 CP0011145045

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTIONS

Pinnacle Health Clinics, LLC, Pltf. vs. Sentinel Insurance Company, Dft.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Summons, Return, Complaint

COURT/AGENCY:

Davidson County Circuit Court, TN

Case # 14C150

**NATURE OF ACTION:** 

Insurance Litigation - Breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Knoxville, TN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 01/21/2014 postmarked on 01/16/2014

**JURISDICTION SERVED:** 

Tennessee

**APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:** 

Within 30 days from the date this summons is served upon you

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Stephen Crofford Parker & Crofford 1230 2nd Ave. S Nashville, TN 37210 615-244-2445

**ACTION ITEMS:** 

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 01/22/2014, Expected Purge Date:

01/27/2014

Email Notification, Michael Johnson MICHAEL.JOHNSON@THEHARTFORD.COM Email Notification, Massimo Fraschilla Massimo. Fraschilla@thehartford.com

SIGNED: PER: ADDRESS: C T Corporation System Amy McLaren

800 S. Gay Street Suite 2021 Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 800-592-9023

TELEPHONE:

LAW DEPARTMENT

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# STATE OF TENNESSEE Department of Commerce and Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-1131 PH - 615.532.5260, FX - 615.532.2788 Jerald.E.Gilbert@tn.gov

January 15, 2014

Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd. 800 S. Gay Street, Ste 2021 C/O Ct Corpo Knoxville, TN 37929 NAIC # 11000 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested 7012 3460 0002 8941 6007 Cashier # 13740

Re: Pinnacle Health Clinics, Llc V. Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd.

Docket # 14C150

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506, the Department of Commerce and Insurance was served January 15, 2014, on your behalf in connection with the above-styled proceeding. Documentation relating to the subject is herein enclosed.

Jerald E. Gilbert
Designated Agent
Service of Process

**Enclosures** 

cc: Circuit Court Clerk
Davidson County
1 Public Square, Room 302
Nashville, Tn 37219-6303

CIRCUIT COURT SUMMON	S	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE		
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	<u>B</u>	By: Deputy Clerk		
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF or	STEPHEN CROFFORD / MARY A. PARKER  1230 SECOND AVE. S. NASHVILLE, TN 37210			
PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS	Address 615-244-2445	·		
TO THE SHERIFF:				
Please execute this summons a	and make your return hereon as provided	d by law.		
		RICHARD R. ROOKER Circuit Court Clerk		
Received this summons for service thi	s day of,	., 20		
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### RETURN ON PERSONAL SERVICE OF SUMMONS

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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PINNACLE HEALTH CLINICS, LLC, ---

PLAINTIFF,

V.

NO. 14 C/5C

SENTINEL INSURANCE COMPANY,

DEFENDANT.

#### **COMPLAINT**

Comes the Plaintiff, Pinnacle Health Clinics, LLC, and sues the Defendant, Sentinel Insurance Company, for breach of contract, and for bad faith in refusing to pay valid insurance claims.

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff, Pinnacle Health Clinics, LLC, is a limited liability company with a principle address in Davidson County, Tennessee operating clinics in Tennessee.
- 2. Defendant, Sentinel Insurance Company, is an insurance company doing business in Tennessee having entered into an insurance contract with the Plaintiff; insuring Plaintiff's health clinics.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This insurance policy was entered into in Davidson County, Tennessee with the Plaintiff's address being listed as 2505 21st Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37212.

- 4. Defendant was doing business in Tennessee by selling insurance policies such as the ones sold to the Plaintiff.
- 5. The Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee therefore has jurisdiction and is the proper venue to resolve the contract and bad faith action based upon this insurance contract.

#### **FACTS**

- 6. The parties entered into an insurance contract with coverage from June 20, 2012 to June 20, 2013. The policy number is 20 SBA AE6736.
- 7. Plaintiff suffered an insurance loss which resulted in two claims being filed. Claim #CP0011124909 involving Plaintiff's Hendersonville location, and, Claim #CP0011145045 involving Plaintiff's Brentwood location.
- 8. These claims were originally honored with Defendant making two payments totaling \$49,118.23, covering the actual cash value of the stolen items from the two locations.
- 9. Plaintiff made an additional claim for business lost income for the two locations totaling \$247,436.26 for the Hendersonville location and \$85,500 for the Brentwood location.
- 10. Plaintiff properly documented the losses and complied with all policy provisions in filing these claims.
- 11. These claims were denied by letter dated September 6, 2013 attached to this complaint as Ex. "A".

- 12. The claims were denied based on the assumption that Dr. Carrano was the individual who took the property, as set out in the denial letter as follows:
  - "As you can see from the above policy language, losses caused by dishonest or criminal acts by employees, authorized representatives or by anyone to whom you entrust the property to are specifically excluded from coverage. This exclusion applies to both Business Personal Property and Loss of Income. Based on this, had we been advised initially that the loss was caused by Dr.Carrano, the claims would have been denied in their entirety"
- 13. The policy exclusions relied upon by the Defendant do not apply, and Defendant, in bad faith, has asserted its reliance on these exclusions. The bad faith provisions of T.C.A. § 56-7-105 therefore apply.
- 14. Dr. Carrano was not an employee, authorized representative, or anyone to whom the property was entrusted.
- 15. Plaintiff asserts that the claims are valid and covered by the insurance contract and no exclusions apply.
- 16. Plaintiff, therefore, makes claim for all damages available under the contract, including the previously submitted claims, prejudgment interest, and statutory damages for bad faith in denying the claims.

#### WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

- 1. That this lawsuit be filed and served upon Defendant and that Defendant be required to answer in the time provided by law.
  - 2. That after the discovery process, this case be heard on its merits.
- 3. That Plaintiff be awarded compensatory damages for breach of contract in the amount of \$247,436.26 for Claim #CP0011124909 involving Plaintiff's Hendersonville location, and, \$85,500 for Claim #CP0011145045 involving Plaintiff's Brentwood as well as prejudgment interest on these figures.

- 4. That Plaintiff be awarded an additional 25% of the compensatory damage award for bad faith due to the denial of these insurance claims.
  - 5. For further general relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Crofford #12039 Mary A. Parker #6016

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